
AGENCY OVERVIEW**602 Department of Agriculture**

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North Dakota Century Code Chapters 4-01, 4-05.1, 4-12.2, 4-13.2, 4-14, 4-14.1, 4-14.2, 4-21.1, 4-30, 4-32, 4-33, 4-35, 4-35.1, 4-35.2, 4-37, 4-39, 4-40, 4-41, 4-44, 4.1-14, 4.1-47, 4.1-83, 4.1-88, 6-09.10, 19-13.1, 19-14, 19-18, 19-20.1, 19-20.2, 19-20.3, 36-01, 36-05, 36-05.1, 36-07, 36-14, 36-14.1, 36-15, 36-21.1, 36-24, 36-25, 36-26, and 61-31.

Agency Description

The commissioner is statutorily responsible for enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to pesticides, fertilizers, anhydrous ammonia, livestock sales, dairy production, noxious weed control, plant export certification, and beekeeping. The commissioner is also responsible for the registration of pesticides, fertilizers, animal feeds, and veterinary medicines; the administration of fair and timely mediation services to agriculture producers, creditors, and energy related issues; the collection and elimination of unusable pesticides; the promotion and marketing of North Dakota products; and the administration of a state meat inspection program. The responsibilities have expanded to include a leadership role in the formation of policies affecting the state's agricultural industries; the advocacy of the needs and concerns of farmers and ranchers on state and national levels; and the distribution of information concerning agricultural issues to the Governor, legislature, and the general public. The agriculture commissioner works collaboratively with the Board of Animal Health to protect the health of domestic animals and nontraditional livestock of the state.

Agency Mission Statement

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture fosters the long-term well-being of North Dakota by promoting a healthy economic, environmental and social climate for agriculture and the rural community through leadership, advocacy, education, regulation, and other services. To carry out its mandate, the North Dakota Department of Agriculture is committed to the following responsibilities:

- Serving as an advocate for family farmers and ranchers and for the rural community.
- Providing services that ensure safe, high-quality, and marketable agricultural products.
- Developing and expanding markets for agricultural commodities and value-added products.
- Reducing the risk of financial loss to agricultural producers and to buyers and sellers of agricultural commodities.
- Safeguarding livestock and other domestic animals from communicable diseases.
- Ensuring compliance with laws administered by the Department of Agriculture through understandable regulations, information, education and even-handed enforcement.
- Ensuring human safety and a healthy environment through proper use of pesticides.
- Verifying the contents of fertilizers, soil conditioners, animal feeds, and veterinary medicines.
- Reducing agricultural losses from noxious weeds, predatory animals, insects, and diseases.
- Gathering and disseminating information concerning agriculture to the general public.
- Providing fair and timely mediation services to agricultural producers, creditors, and energy related issues.

Agency Performance Measures

The agency performance measures are reflected within the performance measure section for each division.

Major Accomplishments

1. Obtained a university study to help North Dakota farmers, ranchers and farm organizations better understand the economic impact and other possible effects of proposed federal legislation establishing a "cap and trade" system for greenhouse gases.
2. Called and chaired the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture to provide ideas and advice on developing a sustainable agriculture certification program and on the marketing and packaging of certified products.
3. Helped draft and pass "Meat the Need" at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture to help U.S. pork and dairy producers.
4. Collected 248,354 pounds of old and unwanted pesticides in 2013 through Project Safe Send. There were 290,932 pounds collected in 2012.
5. Worked cooperatively with USDA-APHIS-Veterinary Services to investigate two herds affected by bovine TB.
6. Participated in a proactive industry coalition to successfully rewrite the state's humane treatment of animals law.

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7. Developed a grant program for qualifying wineries to promote and develop the state's growing wine industry.
8. Administered an Age and Source Verification program as directed by legislative intent.
9. Administered a mediation program to address energy development issues.
10. Developed a dispute resolution program to address deer depredation.
11. Participated in international trade missions to China (twice), Africa and Singapore with North Dakota agriculture businesses meeting with new buyers and fostering potential sales opportunities for the companies.
12. Increased Hunger Free North Dakota Garden Project participation to nearly 60 food pantries and charitable organizations across the state recording more than 181,000 lbs. of fresh produce in 2013.
13. Managed more than 500 Pride of Dakota member companies assisting them with strategic planning, online marketing, and other marketing activities.
14. Assisted eight North Dakota communities in developing an orchard for its citizens in 2013. Funds are granted through NDDA from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant to continue this project.
15. Developed the North Dakota Pollinator Plan containing voluntary best management practices to improve communication and coordination among beekeepers, landowners, and pesticide applicators to reduce exposure of pollinators to pesticides.
16. Completed delegation from U.S. EPA to enforce provisions of the Risk Management Program for agricultural anhydrous ammonia facilities under the Clean Air Act.

Future Critical Issues

Agriculture is one of the most important components of North Dakota's economy and society. Future critical issues include development of national and international agricultural policies, especially a new Farm Bill; the ability of producers to contend with increasingly numerous and complex federal regulations; the growing demand for agriculture-based renewable energy, including ethanol, biodiesel, wind and biomass; environmental concerns and policies including the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, livestock waste/nutrient management, worker protection, food safety, and on-farm petroleum product storage; tax code changes; developing new and better risk management tools to enable producers to protect their investments; the increasing demand for marketing assistance through the Pride of Dakota program; the increasing public concern about the use of agriculture chemicals needed by farmers to control pests and diseases; the development of livestock and dairy infrastructure to assist rural communities, and increasing public concern over animal welfare standards.

Agriculture is one of North Dakota's largest economic drivers. As the world's population has now exceeded 7 billion and continues to increase, the demand for North Dakota agriculture products at a domestic and international level will continue to increase. According to the FAO of the UN, 70 percent of the 100 percent increase we need in food production by 2050 will need to come from technology. Future critical issues include the developmental of agricultural policies nationally and internationally that allow for increasing production while best utilizing our resources, addressing infrastructure issues to bring our ag products to market, increasing value added agriculture production and products in North Dakota, increasing our advocacy and education about agriculture to a new and growing North Dakota population as well on national and international level and opening new markets for our North Dakota farmers and ranchers to increase value and demand for their products. The average age of farmers is 58 and the USDA estimates the United States needs 100,000 new farmers. Addressing the issue of new and beginning farmers in North Dakota is critical for a next generation. Growing and expanding our small businesses that are producing North Dakota products through our Pride of Dakota program is critical and we have a need to assist these members in growing their online marketing for domestic and international growth.

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Description	Expenditures 2011-2013 Biennium	Present Budget 2013-2015	Budget Request Change	Requested Budget 2015-2017 Biennium	Optional Budget Request
By Major Program					
Administrative Services	2,663,310	3,413,726	(381,642)	3,032,084	392,222
Plant Industries	2,839,143	3,436,115	(83,602)	3,352,513	882,297
Livestock Development	5,912,046	7,625,087	(245,886)	7,379,201	0
Marketing and Information	3,224,941	4,864,358	4,246,426	9,110,784	642,912
State Veterinarian	1,930,379	2,169,876	6,702	2,176,578	0
Pesticide and Fertilizer	2,906,798	3,769,546	92,511	3,862,057	0
Total Major Program	19,476,617	25,278,708	3,634,509	28,913,217	1,917,431
By Line Item					
Salaries and Wages	8,607,319	11,043,342	973,501	12,016,843	41,897
Operating Expenses	4,722,883	5,885,262	298,273	6,183,535	743,534
Capital Assets	16,855	12,000	(4,000)	8,000	0
Grants	2,711,935	4,675,828	3,722,946	8,398,774	1,132,000
Board of Animal Health	1,930,379	2,169,876	(1,356,211)	813,665	0
Wildlife Services	1,417,400	1,417,400	0	1,417,400	0
Crop Harmonization Board	69,846	75,000	0	75,000	0
Total Line Items	19,476,617	25,278,708	3,634,509	28,913,217	1,917,431
By Funding Source					
General Fund	8,216,166	9,524,117	105,028	9,629,145	1,917,431
Federal Funds	5,151,208	8,144,390	3,249,592	11,393,982	0
Special Funds	6,109,243	7,610,201	279,889	7,890,090	0
Total Funding Source	19,476,617	25,278,708	3,634,509	28,913,217	1,917,431
Total FTE	77.00	77.00	0.00	77.00	0.00

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Salaries and Wages					
Salaries - Permanent	5,885,787	7,385,965	707,335	8,093,300	0
Temporary Salaries	320,265	404,000	60,472	464,472	38,088
Overtime	38,871	33,455	(33,455)	0	0
Fringe Benefits	2,362,396	3,219,922	239,149	3,459,071	3,809
Total	8,607,319	11,043,342	973,501	12,016,843	41,897
Salaries and Wages					
General Fund	4,673,036	5,895,260	1,088,287	6,983,547	41,897
Federal Funds	2,197,047	2,590,258	(286,597)	2,303,661	0
Special Funds	1,737,236	2,557,824	171,811	2,729,635	0
Total	8,607,319	11,043,342	973,501	12,016,843	41,897
Operating Expenses					
Travel	1,009,946	1,538,958	30,000	1,568,958	35,500
Supplies - IT Software	87,863	84,813	19,370	104,183	0
Supply/Material-Professional	15,151	21,294	1,000	22,294	0
Food and Clothing	10,528	8,086	9,550	17,636	0
Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	7,263	6,933	0	6,933	0
Miscellaneous Supplies	111,422	67,037	28,000	95,037	1,000
Office Supplies	25,018	24,652	1,030	25,682	0
Postage	70,716	77,594	12,000	89,594	500
Printing	111,286	92,645	18,000	110,645	2,000
IT Equip Under \$5,000	217,184	12,682	4,783	17,465	0
Other Equip Under \$5,000	4,897	119	0	119	0
Office Equip & Furn Supplies	78,855	49,885	3,500	53,385	0
Insurance	9,275	10,257	0	10,257	0
Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	2,410	500	0	500	0
Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	293,713	479,098	0	479,098	50,000
Repairs	20,805	24,160	0	24,160	0
IT - Data Processing	204,635	307,831	(37,788)	270,043	352,912
IT - Communications	122,573	171,589	7,859	179,448	0
IT Contractual Svcs and Rprs	15,708	47,443	5,957	53,400	300,222
Professional Development	119,189	225,485	4,000	229,485	900
Operating Fees and Services	2,131,658	2,563,100	173,012	2,736,112	500
Fees - Professional Services	52,733	69,387	18,000	87,387	0
Medical, Dental and Optical	0	1,635	0	1,635	0
Other Expenses	55	79	0	79	0
Total	4,722,883	5,885,262	298,273	6,183,535	743,534

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Operating Expenses					
General Fund	1,636,332	1,610,224	71,209	1,681,433	743,534
Federal Funds	1,537,749	2,047,894	(40,010)	2,007,884	0
Special Funds	1,548,802	2,227,144	267,074	2,494,218	0
Total	4,722,883	5,885,262	298,273	6,183,535	743,534
Capital Assets					
Equipment Over \$5000	9,840	12,000	(12,000)	0	0
IT Equip/Sftware Over \$5000	7,015	0	8,000	8,000	0
Total	16,855	12,000	(4,000)	8,000	0
Capital Assets					
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	16,855	12,000	(4,000)	8,000	0
Total	16,855	12,000	(4,000)	8,000	0
Grants					
Grants, Benefits & Claims	2,711,935	4,675,828	3,722,946	8,398,774	1,132,000
Total	2,711,935	4,675,828	3,722,946	8,398,774	1,132,000
Grants					
General Fund	220,499	155,000	0	155,000	1,132,000
Federal Funds	1,127,434	3,055,554	3,677,946	6,733,500	0
Special Funds	1,364,002	1,465,274	45,000	1,510,274	0
Total	2,711,935	4,675,828	3,722,946	8,398,774	1,132,000
Board of Animal Health					
Salaries - Permanent	808,260	860,134	(860,134)	0	0
Temporary Salaries	92,959	140,549	(140,549)	0	0
Overtime	3,155	4,013	(4,013)	0	0
Fringe Benefits	300,966	346,615	(346,615)	0	0
Travel	104,185	164,025	(37,000)	127,025	0
Supplies - IT Software	13,296	7,987	(2,012)	5,975	0
Supply/Material-Professional	341	786	0	786	0
Food and Clothing	0	1,200	0	1,200	0
Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	50	2,718	0	2,718	0
Miscellaneous Supplies	3,311	3,960	5,000	8,960	0
Office Supplies	3,330	1,292	4,000	5,292	0

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Postage	8,389	8,880	0	8,880	0
Printing	9,720	7,381	4,400	11,781	0
IT Equip Under \$5,000	69,993	34,319	(27,319)	7,000	0
Other Equip Under \$5,000	9,000	18,000	0	18,000	0
Office Equip & Furn Supplies	0	20,000	0	20,000	0
Insurance	972	973	1,200	2,173	0
Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	0	6,805	0	6,805	0
Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	5,266	10,882	0	10,882	0
Repairs	222	2,729	3,500	6,229	0
IT - Data Processing	34,044	37,126	3,667	40,793	0
IT - Communications	16,596	16,699	2,465	19,164	0
IT Contractual Svcs and Rprs	72	0	1,500	1,500	0
Professional Development	27,420	41,434	0	41,434	0
Operating Fees and Services	112,803	151,441	237,699	389,140	0
Fees - Professional Services	286,380	269,928	(202,000)	67,928	0
Medical, Dental and Optical	19,649	10,000	0	10,000	0
Total	1,930,379	2,169,876	(1,356,211)	813,665	0
Board of Animal Health					
General Fund	1,387,699	1,465,033	(1,054,468)	410,565	0
Federal Funds	288,978	450,684	(101,747)	348,937	0
Special Funds	253,702	254,159	(199,996)	54,163	0
Total	1,930,379	2,169,876	(1,356,211)	813,665	0
Wildlife Services					
Operating Fees and Services	1,416,400	1,417,400	0	1,417,400	0
Fees - Professional Services	1,000	0	0	0	0
Total	1,417,400	1,417,400	0	1,417,400	0
Wildlife Services					
General Fund	298,600	398,600	0	398,600	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	1,118,800	1,018,800	0	1,018,800	0
Total	1,417,400	1,417,400	0	1,417,400	0
Crop Harmonization Board					
Salaries - Permanent	2,128	0	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	793	0	0	0	0
Travel	17,439	0	0	0	0

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Office Supplies	124	0	0	0	0
Postage	136	0	0	0	0
IT - Communications	49	0	0	0	0
Operating Fees and Services	49,123	75,000	0	75,000	0
Fees - Professional Services	54	0	0	0	0
Total	69,846	75,000	0	75,000	0
Crop Harmonization Board					
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	69,846	75,000	0	75,000	0
Total	69,846	75,000	0	75,000	0
Funding Sources					
General Fund	8,216,166	9,524,117	105,028	9,629,145	1,917,431
Federal Funds	5,151,208	8,144,390	3,249,592	11,393,982	0
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Description	Priority	FTE	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total Funds
<u>Base Budget Changes</u>						
Ongoing Budget Changes						
A-A 1 Operating Line Adjustment		0.00	92,908	103,183	123,700	319,791
A-A 18 IT Operating Line Adjustment		0.00	(21,699)	(143,193)	143,374	(21,518)
A-A 19 Remove impact of Senate Bill		0.00	(4,900)	0	0	(4,900)
A-A 3 Computer Scanner		0.00	0	0	8,000	8,000
A-A 4 Grant line adjustment Agriculture in the Classro		0.00	0	0	5,000	5,000
A-A 5 Grant line adjustment Specialty Crop Block Grant		0.00	0	3,827,946	0	3,827,946
A-A 6 Grant line adjustment Pride of Dakota		0.00	0	0	30,000	30,000
A-A 7 Grant line adjustment Organic Certification		0.00	0	(150,000)	0	(150,000)
A-A 8 Grant line adjustment Local Foods		0.00	0	0	10,000	10,000
A-F 2 Remove Current Biennium Capital Assets		0.00	0	0	(12,000)	(12,000)
Base Payroll Change		0.00	38,719	(388,344)	(28,185)	(377,810)
Total Ongoing Budget Changes		0.00	105,028	3,249,592	279,889	3,634,509
Total Base Budget Changes		0.00	105,028	3,249,592	279,889	3,634,509
<u>Optional Budget Changes</u>						
Ongoing Optional Changes						
A-C 9 Monitoring, surveying, and inspecting for Japane	1	0.00	82,297	0	0	82,297
A-C 10 Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase venues	2	0.00	50,000	0	0	50,000
A-C 11 Information Technology Analysis	3	0.00	150,222	0	0	150,222
A-C 12 Department website redesign	4	0.00	150,000	0	0	150,000
A-C 14 ITD Client Technologies Services Desktop Suppor	5	0.00	352,912	0	0	352,912
A-C 15 National Genomics Center	6	0.00	800,000	0	0	800,000
A-C 16 Study to assess the economic contribution of th	7	0.00	242,000	0	0	242,000
A-C 17 North Dakota Centennial Farms	8	0.00	90,000	0	0	90,000
Total Ongoing Optional Changes		0.00	1,917,431	0	0	1,917,431
Total Optional Budget Changes		0.00	1,917,431	0	0	1,917,431

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Operating Line Adjustment

This request has been adjusted to better reflect projected spending in the 2015-2017 Biennium.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 3	Priority:
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Computer Scanner

This request provides funds to purchase a centralized scanner to aid in digitizing hard copies to create efficiencies for document storage.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 4	Priority:
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Grant line adjustment Agriculture in the Classroom

This adjustment provides increased support to the FFA Foundation for promotion of agriculture education.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 5	Priority:
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Grant line adjustment Specialty Crop Block Grant

This adjustment reflects the Farm Bill's drastic increase in funding for the Specialty Crops Block Grant Program.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 6	Priority:
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Grant line adjustment Pride of Dakota

This adjustment will provide increased support to assist Pride of Dakota members to market and promote North Dakota-made products.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 7	Priority:
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Grant line adjustment Organic Certification

This adjustment reflects decreased support for USDA's organic certification reimbursement program.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 8	Priority:
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Grant line adjustment Local Foods

This adjustment will provide increased support for enhancing local foods development through community and school grants.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 18	Priority:
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IT Operating Line Adjustment

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A portion of this change reflects the impact of the proposed rate structure for ITD desktop support. This request also better reflects the decreases/increases between the account codes budgeted. This change also reflects the impact of the IT adjusted rates and projected expenditures to better reflect spending in the 2015-2017 Biennium.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 19	Priority:
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Remove impact of Senate Bill

Remove impact of Senate Bill 2128 funding for disease testing of livestock as per OMB's 5-30-2014 memorandum notifying the department of the base budget.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 9	Priority: 1
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Monitoring, surveying, and inspecting for Japanese beetle, emerald ash

This provides state funds to fund part-time staff and operating to assist with critical Japanese beetle, emerald ash borer, apiary monitoring, surveying, and inspection work. Both Japanese beetle and emerald ash borer have been detected in Minnesota. Japanese beetle presents a major threat to nursery stock, corn, and soybeans. Emerald ash borer attacks and kills all of the North American ash species. Emerald ash borer has been responsible for killing more than 25 million ash trees in less than a decade. Confirmation of Japanese beetle and emerald ash borer is a very important strategy for eliminating or containing establishment to detection areas. Also, as a result of the apiary law re-write, the Department anticipates a workload increase for hive identification, apiary health inspections, and bee complaint investigations.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 10	Priority: 2
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Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase venues

This provides state funds for a change of venue for both the Fargo and Grand Forks Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase events. The current Fargo venue will be demolished in the winter of 2014-15 following the 2014 showcase, causing a need for a new space. The current Grand Forks venue cannot currently accommodate the growth of the showcase. More than 25 companies were on the waiting list last year in Grand Forks. This request will maintain high-quality showcases in both cities and provide for much-needed expansion in Grand Forks to accommodate vendors and shoppers.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 11	Priority: 3
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Information Technology Analysis

This request will fund an information technology business analysis for the Department focusing on data and application infrastructure. The primary goal will be to identify and model the data and application infrastructures and improve the sharing of information across the Department. Many of the data and application structures in the Department are approaching 10-years old. Also, the Department does not have a data and application structure in place to efficiently respond to an emergency. The process will include reviewing all current applications and databases, meeting with users of the applications, and determining recommendations for improvements and documenting the findings. The cost estimate was created by ITD.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 12	Priority: 4
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Department website redesign

This request will fund the Department website redesign to include adding capabilities for embedding video, e-commerce, electronic forms management, and to improve communication with blogs, videos, newsletters, podcasts and updated RSS (Really Simple Syndication). The website redesign will increase traffic by improving user-

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friendliness via mobile device. The redesign will also eliminate time-consuming manual updates and maintenance of list serves, increase the consumer's independence and ability to find information, decrease staff time devoted to invoicing as well as cost of postage in correspondence to the public in forms, licenses, and registrations, and decrease staff time used to update the website.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 13	Priority:
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Not being used

Not being used.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 14	Priority: 5
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ITD Client Technologies Services Desktop Support

This provides state funds for ITD's new Client Technologies Services and Support program. The request is based on ITD's proposed rate structure. The Department currently utilizes ITD for desktop support.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 15	Priority: 6
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National Genomics Center

The North Dakota Corn Council has proposed a bid for the USDA-ARS Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, ND to host the newly formed National Agricultural Genotyping Center (NAGC). It was recently announced that the ARS Center in Fargo is one of the top two finalists for this bid and has been selected for a site visit in early August 2014. This proposal creates a cost effective way of utilizing existing research infrastructure and an opportunity for collaboration with existing research scientists, including the regional USDA wheat genomicist. USDA-ARS research scientists in Fargo have a rich history of solving agricultural and food safety problems, and based on their experience and ability to gather producer input, the work this facility is embarking on would be well grounded in eastern ND. In addition to providing the highest value in terms of maximum collaboration and the opportunity to expand in the most cost effective manner, the bid package provides access to the widest variety of crop and livestock research. The benefits for locating the NAGC at the ARS Fargo campus include laboratory, office, and storage space that is move in ready; simple revocable permit to rent 2,400 sq. ft. of temporary space at an economical \$15.00/sq. ft./year; utilities and parking included in rent; standard laboratory hookups are available; DS3 internet connection is available; permanent target space is available for expansion; and independent operation of the NAGC is assured. Committed funds total \$1.5 million from the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council, the North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Commission, Northern Corn Development Corporation, and the North Dakota Soybean Council. An additional amount of \$800,000 has been requested from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, which plans to include that amount in the Department's biennial budget starting on July 1, 2015, pending approval. Support letters from the North Dakota congressional delegation, North Dakota legislative leaders, and commodity advocacy organizations add to North Dakota's commitment toward hosting the NAGC.

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Study to assess the economic contribution of the agriculture industry

This provides state funds to study the economic contribution of the agriculture industry to the North Dakota economy. Agriculture remains one of North Dakota's largest and most important industries; yet, various economic measures used to describe the industry fail to provide comparative economic data available on other key industries in the state. Over the past several decades, most of the work done to describe the economic effects of the agriculture industry in North Dakota has focused on individual commodities and their associated activities even though the agriculture industry is broader than just commodity production. The current economic view of agriculture

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excludes items like: machinery manufacturing, equipment purchases, production input, seed development, livestock production, farm input manufacturing and agriculture research. To gain this point-of view, the study would describe the industry in terms of direct, secondary, and total economic effects, and would measure the industry's employment, tax collections, retail trade activity, economy-wide personal income, and gross business volume. Primary data would be collected from industry sources and surveys. This study will give the agriculture industry a view of where growth has occurred, and where there are opportunities in the future for one of North Dakota's most important industries.

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North Dakota Centennial Farms

This provides state funds to provide a grant to fund the Centennial Farm Program, administered by the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. This program celebrates our state's agriculture heritage by recognizing families that have lived on and/or owned their farms or ranches for more than a century.

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Remove Current Biennium Capital Assets

This removes the 2013-2015 capital assets request for a UTV (utility terrain vehicle) used to control noxious weeds.

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Japanese Beetle & Emerald Ash

Provides general funds for part-time salaries and operating expenses to assist with critical Japanese beetle and emerald ash borer monitoring, surveying and inspection work. Will also help offset the workload increase due to the apiary law rewrite.

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Pride of Dakota Showcases

Provides \$50,000 in general funds to cover the costs of the change in venues in Grand Forks and Fargo for Pride of Dakota. The current venue in Fargo is being demolished and the Grand Forks venue cannot accomodate the growth of the Showcase and has had companies on a waiting list to be in the Showcase.

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Desktop Support

Provides funding to cover the cost of the desktop support services provided by ITD. The Department of Agriculture currently uses a similar service through ITD but they have restructured the program and the rates for it. This new service will be more involved than the current service that the department uses.

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Executive Compensation Package Adjustment

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Provides funding for recommended 2015-17 compensation adjustments.

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IT Analysis

Provides general funds to have ITD do an analysis focusing on current information technology data and application structure. The analysis will review all applications and databases and will provide recommendations for improvement. Current applications are old and could be streamlined.

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Web Redesign

Provides one-time general funds to have the department website redesigned. The redesign will add capabilities for embedding video, e-commerce, electronic forms management and improved communication. It will also eliminate time consuming updates and maintenance of list serves and make it easier to find information on the website.